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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

REF: USUN'S 5928 (NOTAL)

1. WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT SOVIET UNION MUST BE REPRESENTED
ON WORLD FOOD COUNCIL IF THAT ORGANIZATION IS TO DEAL WITH
PROBLEM REALISTICALLY. MAKEYEV'S CHILE OBJECTION IS OB-
VIOUS, SELF-SERVING ATTEMPT TO EVADE PITFALLS WHICH SOVIETS
DOUBTLESS SEE RESULTING FROM THEIR PARTICIPATION IN INTERNA-
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TIONAL EFFORT TO DEAL WITH GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROBLEM.

2. AS TO IMPLIED TRADE-OFF ON CHILE MEMBERSHIP, WE CANNOT ACCEPT A REJECTION OF CHILE AS A NOMINEE OF LA REGIONAL GROUPS.

3. USUN SHOULD APPROACH SOVIETS AND URGE RECONSIDERATION OF THEIR NEGATIVE REACTION TO PARTICIPATION IN WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. FOLLOWING POINTS MIGHT BE MADE:

A. URGENT, GLOBAL IMPORTANCE OF PROBLEM OF WORLD FOOD SUPPLY TRANSCENDS NARROW, NATIONAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. TODAY, MORE THAN EVER, WE LIVE IN AN INCREASINGLY INTER-DEPENDENT WORLD, WHOSE RESOURCES MUST BE EFFECTIVELY PRODUCED AND FAIRLY DISTRIBUTED.

B. IF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL IS TO BE ALLOWED TO TRY TO DEAL WITH THIS INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM, PARTICIPATION OF SOVIET UNION AS GREAT POWER, AS PERMANENT MEMBER OF SECURITY COUNCIL, AND AS ONE OF WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCER/CONSUMER COUNTRIES IS ESSENTIAL.

C. SOVIET SPOKESMEN FROM HIGHEST LEVEL DOWN HAVE REPEATEDLY CALLED FOR INCREASED PARTICIPATION BY SOVIET UNION IN EFFORTS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. MORE SPECIFICALLY, AMBASSADOR SAFRONCHUK HIMSELF HAS DECLARED THAT SOVIET UNION, AS PERMANENT MEMBER OF SECURITY COUNCIL, SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE REPRESENTED ON ALL SIGNIFICANT UN BODIES (USUN 5794).

D. USG IS GREATLY DISAPPOINTED AT INITIAL, NEGATIVE SOVIET REACTION AND URGES RECONSIDERATION OF SOVIET POSITION. EMBASSY MOSCOW HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE SIMILAR APPROACH TO MFA.

4. FOR MOSCOW. AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, PLEASE APPROACH MFA PREFERABLY AT NESTERENKO LEVEL TO MAKE PRESENTATION ALONG ABOVE LINES.

5. USUN SHOULD ALSO APPROACH COUNTRIES MOST CONCERNED WITH WORLD FOOD PROBLEM AND URGE THEIR DUPLICATION OF OUR

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